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## e-news - branch update

14 July 2016

Would you like to learn more about our Black-Cockatoos or how to make your garden more bird friendly? Check out the details in this edition of the BirdLife WA eNews. For those who live further afield there is a Shorebird count coming up in Port Hedland and two pelagic trips from Albany. Help is needed for National Bird Week 2016 and we have received a generous donations of Leica binoculars and a scope. For those people happy to brave the cold weather there are plenty of excursions coming up.

### HELP WANTED - NATIONAL BIRD WEEK 2016

The BirdLife WA Executive Committee is seeking expressions of interest from members who are willing to join a committee to organise BirdLife WA's contribution to National Bird Week 2016. The main focus of the committee will be the promotion of the Aussie Backyard Bird Count (17 - 23 October) through the organisation of walks in conjunction with schools, "Friends" groups and other relevant community groups. There will not be an open day this year.

If you can help out or have other suggestions for the promotion of BirdLife Australia and the Aussie Backyard Bird Count during October, please contact the Office Manager, Annette Park, on 9383 7749 or email [wa@birdlife.org.au](mailto:wa@birdlife.org.au) (Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays)

### FREE BLACK-COCKATOO WORKSHOP

BirdLife Australia's Threatened Bird Network and the Southwest Black-Cockatoo Recovery Program, Holcim Australia and the Kaarakin Black-Cockatoo Conservation Centre invite you to a FREE day-long workshop where you can learn all about some of our special West Australians.

Held on Tuesday 2nd August at the Kaarakin Black-Cockatoo Conservation Centre in the Perth Hills, the workshop will cover black-cockatoo conservation, identification, the work being done to save these species, and how you can get involved. A highlight will be a guided tour around Kaarakin Black-Cockatoo Conservation Centre, allowing you to see these amazing birds up close and learn more about the wonderful work being done to save them.

Numbers are limited, so to RSVP, visit <http://birdlife.org.au/projects/threatened-bird-network/tbn-latest-news>

### CARE FOR HEDLAND SHOREBIRD COUNT 30 JULY

The Care for Hedland group are having their Winter Shorebird count on Saturday 30 July 7.30am at 4 mile or the end of Pretty Pool Beach in Port Hedland. For more information please contact Melissa at Care For Hedland: [coordinator@careforhedland.org.au](mailto:coordinator@careforhedland.org.au)

## Events

Paganoni Swamp,  
Karnup, **Saturday 16 July**

Lightning Swamp,  
Noranda, **Saturday 23 July**

BWA Monthly Meeting,  
Floreat, **Monday 25 July**

Pelagic Trip, Albany,  
**Saturday 30 July**

Shorebird count, Port  
Hedland, **Saturday 30 July**

Pelagic Trip, Albany,  
**Sunday 31 July**

Lake Joondalup, Joondalup,  
**Sunday 31 July**

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## LEICA BINOCULARS AND SCOPE FOR SALE

BirdLife WA has received a generous donation of Leica binoculars and a scope; as well as a tripod and monopod. The proceeds from the sale of these will be used for student scholarships. Their value has been estimated at:

- Spotting Scope \$1,500 (Leica Televid 77 No. 2043407, back-pack, wide angle 20x, 40x lenses in box, instructions and warranty)
- Binoculars: \$2,500 (Leica Ultravid 10 x 42 No.1631934, original box, instructions, guarantee, test certificate and warranty)
- Tripod & Head: \$250 (Manfrotto tripod with Swarovski compatible head)
- Monopod: \$100 (Premier)

These prices exclude the cost of freight and handling. All enquiries should be directed to Annette Park at the BirdLife WA office on 9383 7749 or [wa@birdlife.org.au](mailto:wa@birdlife.org.au) (Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays)

## BIRD GARDEN WORKSHOPS - CREATING A BIRD FRIENDLY GARDEN

Experts from Beyond Gardens, BirdLife WA and your Local Government will provide information and advice on how to improve the habitat value of your garden and verge and how this can benefit your local environment. Local examples will be showcased, questions answered and resources provided. Receive practical tips on identifying local birds, creating habitat, managing birds visiting your garden and how birds can help your garden thrive. Four identical free workshops are offered in a variety of locations. Bookings are essential and places are limited. Visit the Beyond Gardens website events page <http://www.beyondgardens.com.au/events.php> to register.

### Workshop dates

Saturday July 30th - Piney Lakes, Winthrop. This one is full

Saturday August 13th - Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre, Kwinana

Saturday August 20th - Cockburn Wetland Education Centre, Bibra Lake

Saturday August 27th - Sullivan Hall, White Gum Valley

## DO YOU HAVE A SPARE 35 MINUTES TO COUNT RAINBOW LORIKEETS?

Please contact Operation Rainbow Roost (email [rainbowroost@birdlife.org.au](mailto:rainbowroost@birdlife.org.au)) if you can spend 35 minutes counting Rainbow Lorikeets at roost site in your area. During July roost counts are conducted between 5.05 pm and 5.40 pm. We now have 60 roost sites registered that need to be counted. We particularly need volunteers from the northern suburbs.

Please also report any places where Rainbow Lorikeets are gathering near sunset. It's likely that there are hundreds of Rainbow Lorikeet roost sites in the Perth region! You can report this information by using the electronic form <http://www.birdlife.org.au/projects/operation-rainbow-roost>)

## OSPREY, SWAN RIVER CENSUS

It will be good to see how many Osprey breed along the Swan River. In 2009

there were 4 active nests.

What is the current status? It is for that purpose I would like to ask anyone who sees an Osprey building or sitting on a nest, raising chicks etc. to please report the details to me.

There are a number of nest sites around the Swan River some active, some not, some in progress.

There also some breeding poles around the river.

Known sites are: Salter Point, Mt Henry, Aquinas; Claremont, Peppermint Grove, Devil's Elbow; Old Swan Brewery, Riverside Drive; Radio mast, Garrett Road Bridge, Ascot Waters; Ron Courtney Island, Garvey Park, Ascot; Alfred Cove; Pelican Point, Nedlands; Comer Street overpass, Como. There are bound to be others.

Though the Swan River is the focus of the census, I am happy to receive information on Osprey nests within the wider Metro area, coast line.

Contact details: Marcus Singor e-mail [msingor@bigpond.com](mailto:msingor@bigpond.com)

## BIRDLIFE WA PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Theme: *Black and White Birds in Colour NOT Monochrome*

Birds can be black, white or pied, with not more than 10% of plumage any colour other than black or white. Birds must also be must be non-captive and native to Western Australia.

\$5.00 entry fee covers cost of printing, display and prizes but you may print your own image if you wish. An A4 print and digital image jpg file are required for judging.

Competition is open to BirdLife Australia members only.

Only one entry per member.

Images to be submitted by Friday 19th of August and will be judged at the BirdLife WA general meeting on Monday 22nd August.

For more information check the BirdLife Western Australia Facebook page or ring the BirdLife Western Australia office on 9383 7749

## ART WORK DONATION

BirdLife Western Australia has received a generous donation of some artworks and framed photographs. The BirdLife WA Executive Committee are looking for the best method to sell this artwork. One suggestion is to hold an art exhibition and we are looking for volunteers to decide the best option and to manage the event.

If the final choice is an exhibition, the opportunity exists for other artists to contribute pieces for sale and BirdLife WA and the gallery (if we go with a gallery) would take a commission only.

If you can help out please contact Annette at the BirdLife WA office on 9383 7749 or email [wa@birdlife.org.au](mailto:wa@birdlife.org.au)

## EXCURSIONS

To access more information about each event simply click on the name of the excursion.

### **MORNING, PAGANONI SWAMP, KARNUP, SATURDAY 16 JULY**

8 am Members and guests only. Leader Mary Vaughan

**MORNING, LIGHTNING SWAMP, NORANDA, SATURDAY 23 JULY**

8.30am – 11.00am Members and the general public. Leader Clive Nealon.

**EVENING, BWA MONTHLY MEETING, WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
ECOLOGY CENTRE, FLOREAT, MONDAY 25 JULY**

7.30pm – 9.30pm Shane Kearney of the Rottnest Island Authority will give a talk on "Rottnest Island driving conservation and sustainability". Light refreshments served. Members and guests.

**ALL DAY, PELAGIC TRIP, EMU POINT BOAT HARBOUR ALBANY,  
SATURDAY 30 JULY**

6.30am – 4.00pm Limit of 18. Book by contacting Leader John Graff. Book one day or both.

**ALL DAY, PELAGIC TRIP, EMU POINT BOAT HARBOUR ALBANY,  
SUNDAY 31 JULY**

6.30am – 4.00pm Limit of 18. Book by contacting Leader John Graff. Book one day or both.

**MORNING, LAKE JOONDALUP, JOONDALUP, SUNDAY 31 JULY**

8.00am – 11.00 am For members and guests only. Leader: Wayne Merritt  
Bring your telescope if you have one.

**BIRDLIFE WESTERN AUSTRALIA E-NEWS – GUIDELINES FOR  
CONTRIBUTORS**

All members are welcome to contribute items to this Newsletter, which is primarily for activities not published in WA Bird Notes. Items should be less than 100 words and relate only to BirdLife supported activities. The final decision on publication rests with the news team. Please send items for publication by close of business on the second or fourth Tuesday of the month to: [enews.wa@birdlife.org.au](mailto:enews.wa@birdlife.org.au)

Western Yellow Robin - photograph courtesy of Rod Smith



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